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## Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ROLAND W. BURRIS, a Senator from the State of Illinois.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, before You nations rise and fall; they grow strong or wither by Your design. Help our Nation to embrace righteousness and to strive for unity and renewal.

Lord, hasten the coming of Your kingdom, where pain, tears, and death will be no more. May America's example of right living prompt the world's nations to gather in the light of Your presence. Teach all nations the way of peace so we may plow up battlefields and pound weapons into liberation tools. Teach us to talk across boundaries as brothers and sisters, united by Your love. Today, help our Senators and all who labor with them to work with a renewed sense of their accountability to You.

We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable ROLAND W. BURRIS led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, July 7, 2009.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROLAND W. BURRIS, a Senator from the State of Illinois, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. BURRIS thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Following the remarks of the two leaders, the Senate will proceed to a period of morning business for 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the second half. Following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2892, the Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

Around 12:15 today, Senator-elect AL FRANKEN will be sworn in to be U.S. Senator from the State of Minnesota. At 12:30, the Senate will recess to allow for the weekly caucus luncheons. Senators should expect rollcall votes throughout the day as we consider the Homeland Security Appropriations bill.

Prior to leaving that subject, I hope Senators will be ready to offer amendments. We have a rule XVI, but this is a wide jurisdiction bill. There should be lots of opportunity for people to offer amendments. I hope they would consider doing their amendments as soon as possible. We are not going to spend day after day on this bill. We need to move appropriations bills as

quickly as we can. I want people to have the opportunity to offer amendments. We will be happy to look at time agreements if that is appropriate. Without any preconditions, let's move to this bill and get it done as quickly as possible.

### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 2454

Mr. REID. Mr. President, H.R. 2454 is at the desk. It is my understanding it is due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bill for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2454) to create clean energy jobs, achieve energy independence, reduce global warming pollution and transition to a clean energy economy.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I object at this time to any further proceedings on this legislation.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the Calendar pursuant to rule XIV.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I thank the Chair.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader is recognized.

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